Cu-C COMPOSITE DETONATION COATINGS

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Carbon





a) diamond, b) graphite, c) lonsdaleite,
d) fullerene C₆₀, e) fullerene C₅₄₀,
f) fullerene C₇₀, g) amorphous carbon,
h) carbon nanotube



Graphene



Properties of graphene

- · high surface to volume ratio
- \cdot good conductivity of heat and electricity
- \cdot high mechanical strength and flexibility
- · high optical transparency
- · impermeable to gas
- · bactericidal properties



Binding of hybridization sp² length of 0,142 nm













Institute of Precision Mechanics as the first and only one in Poland produces graphene on the powders.

Graphene 3D^{IMP} – composite material, where graphene covers powders of copper.



Copper powder covered with graphene





Procedure for the production of Cu-C powders included the following steps:

1) fluidization under gases containing hydrocarbons;

2) high temperature decomposition of hydrocarbons which are carbon source;

3) nucleation and growth of carbon structures on the surface of the copper (occurs through interaction of gases containing hydrocarbon, which surrounds the particles of powder)



The scheme of the stand for fluidization processes





The Institute of Precision Mechanics uses mainly two copper powders to graphene production: dendritic and spherical.



Dendritic copper powder particles after graphene processing

Spherical copper powder particles after graphene processing

Raman spectrum of Graphene 3D^{IMP}

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In the Raman spectra the peaks 2D and G characteristic for graphene spectra are clearly visible, which confirms its presence in the tested powders.



Graphene – TEM





Graphene after copper etching



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Theoretical structure of graphene



Graphene after copper etching

Consolidation of Graphene 3D^{IMP}



Methods of consolidation:

- cold isostatic pressing
- spark plasma sintering
- extrusion
- KOBO







Resistance of fuses

Fuses







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Powder particles can reach speed 1000 m/s Spraying frequency: 4 Hz Spraying distance: 160 mm Powder particle size: 100 µm < D < 200 µm



1- powder feeder; 2 – nitrogen; 3,10 – cooling system;
4 – security; 5 – propane-butane; 6 – oxygen; 7 – the ignition system; 8 – detonation chamber; 9 – barrel;
11 – substrate



Cu and Cu-C Coating





The pure copper powder is strongly oxidized during the process of spraying. A large number of oxides, which are included in the coating and are arranged in the bands between the copper grains, cause a significant decrease of the cohesion of the coating and make the connection with the substrate worse.



Cu-C coating

During the spraying of the copper powder with graphene, the carbon structures protect the particles of the copper powder against the excessive oxidization and thanks to this there are much fewer oxides in this coating than in the sprayed Cu powder coating.





The test involved bending sprayed samples by 90°.



Cu coating on the S235JR steel after bend test



Cu coating on the Al alloy after bend test

The Cu coatings have cracked strongly. Additional Cu coating on the S235JR steel has separated from the matrix.



Bend test – Cu-C coatings





Cu-C coating on the S235JR steel after bend test



Cu-C coating on the Al alloy after bend test

The bend test of Cu-C coating proves that the cohesion of the coating is good and that it is connected with the substrate well. This test showed good adherence and good deformability (there are no scratches and no cracks) of the Cu-C coating.



Cu-C Coating







The SEM image of the Cu-C coating

The analysis of the chemical composition showed that there are: 92.92% of Cu, 5.60% C and 1.48% of O

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Wavenumber, cm⁻¹



Cu-C Coatings





Substrate - Al

Substrate - S235JR steel

Substrate – 4H13 steel



Substrate - Cu

Substrate - SiC





- 1. Institute of Precision Mechanics developed a low-cost manufacturing technology of the modern material which is Graphene 3D^{IMP}
- 2. Methods of spraying of copper powder with graphene were elaborated.
- 3. Composite coatings with the graphene dispersion phase are characterized by many advantageous properties:
 - increased hardness and abrasive wear resistance in comparison with the matrix material,
 - significantly better thermal and electric conductivity in comparison with copper,
 - increased corrosion resistance.
- 4. The use of composite coatings:
 - military technologies,
 - power engineering,
 - transport,
 - electronics,
 - others.



Thank you for your attention

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